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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Responsive to the Official Action mailed August 1, 2000, entry of the following amendments and remarks is respectfully requested.

AMENDMENTS

In the Claims:

Please cancel claims 3 and 29.

Please amend claims 1, 2, 8, and 38 as follows:

Sub B1 1. (Amended) Isolated nucleic acid encoding a NB-ARC and
CARD containing protein (NAC), or [functional fragments]
complements thereof, selected from: